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BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 11, 1971

I disapprove, veto, and am filing with the Secretary of State, House Bill 930.

This bill requires competitive bidding before any political subdivision can enter into any contract involving the expenditure of \$1,000.00 or more addresses itself to a very commendable purpose. The apparent intention of the Legislature to insure that every political subdivision in this State secure all property and services costing more than \$1,000.00 at the lowest possible price through competitive bidding, with certain enumerated exceptions, is commendable. However, the bill, as it finally reached my desk, raises some very serious questions as to its application and construction. It is not clear what effect this bill would have on the present statutes dealing with the requirements for purchasing and contracting by schools, cities, counties, water districts, river authorities, hospital districts and all other political subdivisions in this State.

Under the provisions of the bill, any contract employing a person other than a person from a specific professional category which is exempted, would have to be submitted to competitive bidding or to be void and unenforceable in any court. This requirement is impractical and an unnecessary expense. We cannot hire our public employees in this fashion. Furthermore, it would seem illogical and unnecessary to require advertising in a newspaper for two weeks before a political subdivision could acquire an easement or right-of-way involving an expenditure of \$1,000.00.

For these reasons, I hereby veto House Bill No. 930.

House Bill No. 930 was received May 31, 1971, less than ten (10) days prior to adjournment of the Regular Session of the 62nd Legislature. In accordance

with Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I am filing this Proclamation together with the bill in the Office of the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 11th day of June, A. D., 1971.

PRESTON SMITH

GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

By the Governor

Secretary of State